



**CITY OF SAN DIEGO**  
***Public Utilities Department***  
***Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Division***  
***Operation Support Group***

**Biosolids Certification Package**  
**May 1, 2019 – May 31, 2019**

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**CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
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**BIOSOLIDS CERTIFICATION STATEMENT  
for  
MEETING PATHOGEN REDUCTION REQUIREMENTS  
May 1, 2019 – May 31, 2019**

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I certify, under penalty of law, that the Class B pathogen requirements in 503.32 (b)(3) have been met. This determination has been made under my direction and supervision in accordance with the system designed to ensure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information used to determine that the pathogen requirements have been met. I am aware that there are significant penalties for false certification including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

For The City of San Diego  
Public Utilities Department

By: 

Date 7/22/19

Richard Pitchford  
Superintendent  
Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Division  
Metropolitan Biosolids Center

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For The City of San Diego  
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By: 

Date 7/31/19

David Marlow  
Superintendent  
Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Division  
Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant

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CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

In Compliance with  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 40 CFR Part 503 Standards  
For the Use and Disposal of Bulk Sewage Sludge from the  
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**VECTOR ATTRACTION REDUCTION**

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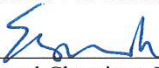
The daily fractional volatile solids reduction (FVSR) values were calculated using the Van Kleck Equation and raw and digested sludge volatile solids for the month of May 2019 from locations based on the following information from Operations staff:

All sludge sent to Metro Biosolids Center (MBC) from the Pt. Loma WWTP is pumped from Digester 7.  
Only North City Water Reclamation Plant (NCWRP) raw sludge is going to MBC digesters.  
The MBC thickened sludge samples are representative of the raw sludge from NCWRP.  
MBC is using Digester No.1 for sludge processing.

The following determinations of volatile solids were done using approved methods by a laboratory certified by the State of Arizona (Cert. No. AZ0783)

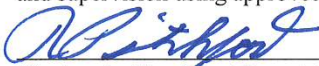
61.1 % Average Volatile Solids Reduction for the Pt. Loma WTP sludge digestion process.  
58.1 % Average Volatile Solids Reduction for the sludge MBC treats from the NCWRP.

Both streams ~~do~~ / ~~do not~~ meet 38% FVSR criteria.


  
Environmental Chemistry Laboratory Senior Chemist

Date 6/27/19

I certify that the sludge samples taken and used in these determinations were taken and handled under my direction and supervision using approved methods and are representative samples of actual operational conditions.

  
Wastewater Treatment Superintendent  
Metro Biosolids Center (MBC)

7/22/19  
Date

  
Wastewater Treatment Superintendent  
Pt. Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant

7/31/19  
Date

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**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT  
VECTOR ATTRACTION REQUIREMENTS**

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I certify, under penalty of law, the vector attraction reduction requirement in Paragraph 503.33 (b) (1) which states that:

The mass of volatile solids in the sewage sludge shall be reduced by a minimum of 38 percent, has been met. This determination has been made under my direction and supervision in accordance with the system designed to ensure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information used to determine that the vector reduction requirements have been met. I am aware that there are significant penalties for false certification including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

By:

  
Chief Plant Operator  
Wastewater Treatment and Disposal

8/1/19  
Date

### **FVSR (Fractional Volatile Solids Reduction)**

$$FVSR = \frac{VS_p - VS_b}{VS_p - (VS_p * VS_b)} = \frac{Vol.solidsRaw - Vol.solids Digested}{Vol.solids Raw - (Vol.solids Raw * Vol.solids Digested)}$$

Where:  $VS_p$  = Volatile Solids Feed Sludge (RAW SLUDGE),  
 $VS_b$  = Volatile Solids Digested Sludge (DIG SLUDGE), currently only digester 7 is used for the calculation.

Volatile Solids (VS) is expressed as fractional numbers.

#### **Average Volatile Solids for May 2019**

Average %TVS Digested Sludge (Digester 7) for the month.	Average Raw (feed) sludge %TVS for the month	Calculated FVSR (%)
CA Lab data used	CA Lab data used	CA Lab data used
60.9	80.0	61.1%

#### **Average Volatile Solids for MAY 2019**

Average %TVS Digested Sludge (MBC Dig 1) for the month.	Average Raw (feed) sludge (MBC_TSBTC) %TVS for the month	Calculated FVSR (%)
CA Lab data used	CA Lab data used	CA Lab data used
68.1	83.6	58.1%

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POINT LOMA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
CALIFORNIA HAZARDOUS WASTE IDENTIFICATION TESTS (Title 22)  
Metro Biosolids Center Dewatered Sludge  
From 01-MAY-2019 to 31-MAY-2019

Source: MBCDEWCN  
Sample ID: P1095098  
Sample Date: 31-MAY-19

Constituent	MDL. Units	Total		TTL	W.E.T.	STLC	40 CFR 503	CA Health & Safety
		Dry Wt.	Wet Wt.	Wet Wt.	Wet Wt.	Wet Wt.	Limits **	code ***
		mg/Kg	mg/Kg	mg/Kg	mg/L	mg/L	mg/Kg	mg/Kg
Antimony	0.4 MG/KG	6.23	1.74	500	*	15.00		
Arsenic	1.33 MG/KG	2.57	0.72	500	*	5.00	41	
Barium	0.46 MG/KG	303	84.8	10000	*	100.00		
Beryllium	0.1 MG/KG	ND	ND	75	*	0.75		
Cadmium	0.1 MG/KG	0.94	0.262	100	*	1.00	39	
Chromium (VI)		NA		500	NA	5.00		
Chromium	0.1 MG/KG	48.9	13.7	2500	*	560.00	1,200	
Cobalt	0.1 MG/KG	3.88	1.09	8000	*	80.00		
Copper	1.7 MG/KG	579	162	2500	*	25.00	1,500	2,500
Lead	0.2 MG/KG	12.3	3.4	1000	*	5.00	300	350
Mercury	0.059 MG/KG	0.73	0.204	20	*	0.20	17	
Molybdenum	0.1 MG/KG	16.0	4.48	3500	*	350.00		
Nickel	0.1 MG/KG	25.4	7.11	2000	*	20.00	420	2,000
Selenium	0.93 MG/KG	5.43	1.52	100	*	1.00	100	
Silver	0.26 MG/KG	3.76	1.05	500	*	5.00		
Thallium	0.2 MG/KG	ND	ND	700	*	7.00		
Vanadium	0.1 MG/KG	23.3	6.52	2400	*	24.00		
Zinc	0.8 MG/KG	929	260	5000	*	250.00	2,800	
Fluoride	1 MG/KG	34.5	9.65	18000	*	180.00		
Sulfides-Reactive	11 MG/KG	23.0	6.0					
Sulfides-Total	500 MG/KG	6700	1880					
Total Solids	WT%	28.0						
Total Volatile Solids	WT%	62.0						
pH	PH	8.06		>2 - <12				
Ammonia-N	28 MG/KG	7830						
Nitrite Nitrate Calc	MG/KG	38.1						
Organic Nitrogen Calc.	MG/KG	43270						
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	MG/KG	51100						
Aldrin	0.0013 MG/KG	ND	ND	1.4	*	0.14		
Chlordanes	0.0016 MG/KG	ND	ND	2.5	*	0.25		
DDT, DDE, DDD	0.0023 MG/KG	ND	ND	1.0	*	0.10		
Dieldrin	0.0006 MG/KG	0.01	0.002	8.0	*	0.80		
2,4-D	0.19 MG/KG	ND	ND	100	*	10.00		
Endrin	0.0011 MG/KG	ND	ND	0.2	*	0.02		
Heptachlor	0.0013 MG/KG	ND	ND	4.7	*	0.47		
Kepone		NA	NA	21	NA	2.10		
Lindane	0.953 MG/KG	ND	ND					
BHC, Total	0.0017 MG/KG	ND	ND	4.0	*	0.40		
Methoxychlor	0.0027 MG/KG	ND	ND	100	*	10.00		
Mirex	0.0038 MG/KG	ND	ND	21	*	2.10		
Pentachlorophenol	14 MG/KG	ND	ND	17	*	1.70		
PCBs (Aroclors)	2.39 MG/KG	ND	ND	50	*	5.00		
Toxaphene	0.17 MG/KG	ND	ND	5	*	0.50		
Trichloroethene	0.0217 MG/KG	ND	ND	2040	*	204.00		
2,4,5-TP	0.1 MG/KG	ND	ND	10	*	1.00		

On the basis of these analyses, I certify that this dried sludge is non-hazardous as defined by California Code, Title 22, Section 66699. All determinations were done using approved methods by laboratories certified by the State of Arizona (Cert. No. AZ0783).

  
Elvira Mercado, Senior Chemist, Environmental Chemistry Laboratory

TTL = Total Threshold Limit Concentration.  
STLC = Soluble Threshold Limit Concentration.  
W.E.T. = Waste Extraction Technique.  
\* = The total wet concentration is less than 10 times the STLC. Therefore, by definition, this substance is present in concentration that is less than the limit for hazardous wastes.  
\*\* = Limits are in mg/Kg (dry weight) based on 40 CFR part 503.13 Table 3 "Limits for Land Application".  
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NA = Not Analyzed, ND= Not Detected, NS= Not Sampled, NR= Not Required  
MDL = Method Detection Limit (mg/Kg per dry weight; except for pH and Total and Volatile Solids)  
MBCDEWCN = Metro Biosolids Center Dewatered Centrifuged Sludge.

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Monthly Sludge Composite Certification - Centrifuge Dewatered Sludge

I. INORGANIC POLLUTANT CONCENTRATIONS: The results of analyses below are for a composite sample of daily centrifuged dewatered sludge samples taken from the centrifuges over the calendar month of May 2019. All analyses were performed by the City of San Diego's Environmental Chemistry Services Laboratory using methods certified by the State of Arizona (Cert. No. AZ0783).

Metals from Table 3 of Paragraph 503.13†  
(All concentrations in dry weight)

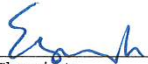
Parameter	Value	Units	503 Limit	Units
Arsenic	2.57	mg/Kg	41	mg/Kg
Cadmium	0.94	mg/Kg	39	mg/Kg
Chromium	48.9	mg/Kg	1,200	mg/Kg
Copper	579	mg/Kg	1,500	mg/Kg
Lead	12.3	mg/Kg	300	mg/Kg
Mercury	0.73	mg/Kg	17	mg/Kg
Molybdenum	16.0	mg/Kg	75	mg/Kg <sup>^</sup>
Nickel	25.4	mg/Kg	420	mg/Kg
Selenium	5.43	mg/Kg	100	mg/Kg
Zinc	929	mg/Kg	2,800	mg/Kg
Total Nitrogen#	5.11	Wt %		
Date of Sample	31-May-2019			
Total Solids	28.0	Wt %		
Volatile Solids	62.0	Wt %		

† Also conforms to Table 2-Monthly Average Pollutant Concentration of the Arizona Administrative Code Title 18, Chapter 9.

<sup>^</sup> Limits for Molybdenum taken from 2009 version of 40 CFR part 503.13 Table 1, Ceiling Concentrations

# Value is a sum calculation of Total kjeldahl nitrogen, Nitrate as N and Nitrite as N.

Based on this month's analysis and the results of analyses of monthly sludge composite samples for the previous year, no parameter in the described sludge stream exceeds 40 CFR Part 503 Standards for land application.

  
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Senior Chemist  
Environmental Chemistry Laboratory,  
California State ELAP Cert. No. 1609

6/27/19  
Date

VAR CERT. Form  
Revised 7/6/2000



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Arsenic	ND	mg/Kg	41	mg/Kg
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Chromium	50	mg/Kg	1,200	mg/Kg
Copper	630	mg/Kg	1,500	mg/Kg
Lead	DNQ4.0	mg/Kg	300	mg/Kg
Mercury	0.73	mg/Kg	17	mg/Kg
Molybdenum	19	mg/Kg	75	mg/Kg <sup>^</sup>
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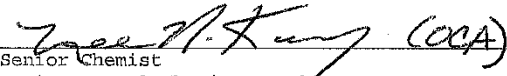
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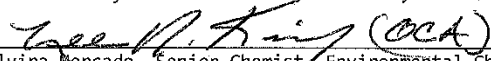
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